

OTES Remonstrance.

For the Right Honourable Sir Leoline Jenkins Knight His
Majesties Principal Secretary of State at Whitehall.

I Gave your Honour the last Friday the trouble of a few Lines, in which I told you, that I had business of Importance with the King and Council; your answer was, *That I must apply my self to a Justice of Peace, or Courts of Justice*: The business I had with the Council, is a Complaint against Roger L'Estrange Esq; who in several Libels of his called the *Observer*, and other Seditious Pamphlets, hath (as I humbly conceive,) Vilified and Ridicul'd the Evidence of the *Popish Plot*, and Arraigned the Proceedings of the Government, upon the said *Plot*; And to give himself a reputation in this his Illegal course, he pretends in one or more of those his said *Observers*, that he hath Authority or leave from some of His Majesties Ministers for so doing; which I dare not believe. Your Honour knows, that His Majesty was so sensible of the danger he was in, by reason of that Horrid Conspiracy, that he did not only recommend the strict examination thereof, to His Houses of Parliament, but also was pleased to acquaint them, how unsafe he was till it was searched out to the bottom. Besides this, three Fasts were Proclaimed, Appointed and kept, which the King himself strictly kept, and commanded all His Loving Subjects so to do; several have been Executed; and several Parliaments have Voted, *That there was an Horrid, Hellish Popish Plot*; Now all these things considered, I could never have imagined that any private Persons, could have been so bold with the Government, as to use such Reflections upon their Proceedings, and call in question the Veracity of the Testimony of that Evidence, which was justified by His Majesties Council, and the Parliament, and the Courts of Justice; I thought I should never have liv'd to have seen the day that the *Plot* should be call'd in question, which the King had own'd in his several Proclamations; But since it is so, I must pray your Pardon, if I cannot apply my self for Redress in that way and method your Honour was pleased to order: For I humbly conceive that it is the Government that is abused, and therefore in Conscience and Honour it is bound to vindicate its Proceedings from such Aspersions as are cast upon them by the said L'Estrange and his Confederates; I would not use any method or way to injure the worst of my Enemies, but that the Council will take my hard usage from the said L'Estrange into serious Consideration, and cause the said L'Estrange to be Silenc'd, and Reparation to be made me. To that end, I have in this sent a Petition to the King and Council, which I would have presented if I might have had the liberty to appear at Court, in which I pray for Redress; I hope God will put it into your hearts to do me right. In the mean time, Sir, I am

Your Honours Humble Servant
TITUS OTES.

Feb. 28. 1683.

My humble Request is, that this Petition inclosed, may be presented to the King in Council, so that I may be in some probable way of having Redress.

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To the KINGs most Excellent Majesty, and to the Lords
and others of His Majesties most Hon^{ble} Privy Council.

The humble Petition and Complaint of *Titus Otes*

SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner according to his Duty and Allegiance which he owes, and is always bound to pay to your Majesty and the Government Establish'd by Law, did in the month of September, in the year 1678. Discover a most Horrid, Hellish *Popish Plot* against your Majesty and the *Protestant Religion and Government*, to the satisfaction of your Majesty and the Privy Council, as appears by the several Proclamations issued out by your Majesties Order, with the Advice of your most Honourable Privy Council, which your Petitioner is, and will be ready to produce when thereunto commanded by your Majesty.

That your Majesty was so highly sensible of the great danger your Person was in, and your Government, by reason of that Conspiracy, that you were graciously pleased to proclaim several solemn Fasts and days of Humiliation, and did will and require your Loving Subjects to joyn in Hearty Prayers and Supplication with your Majesty unto Almighty God for the Blessings of the Discovery, and for the farther Discovery thereof; and in several of your Majesties most gracious Speeches to your Houses of Parliament, hath been pleased to express, *How unsafe your Majesty was till the said Plot was searched to the bottom.*

That several of the Conspirators in the Plot were Apprehended, and Committed, Indicted and Convicted, Attainted, and Executed upon your Petitioners Evidence, together with the Evidence of others, the Attainders of which Conspirators remain (as your Petitioner believes) upon Record.

That four several Parliaments own'd the same Discovery, and pass'd several Votes, wherein they did declare, *That there was an Horrid Popish Plot for the Destruction of your Royal Person and your Government, and the Subversion of the Protestant Religion as by Law Established.*

That *Roger L'Estrange*, whom your Petitioner hears is now a Justice of the Peace, (though turn'd out for several Misdemeanors in the year 1680.) hath Defam'd and Arraign'd the Justice of the Nation, in Ridiculing the said *Popish Plot*, and the Discovery and the Discoverers thereof, in certain Scandalous and Seditious Pamphlets of his call'd the *Observer*, and in several other Pamphlets.

That the said *Roger L'Estrange* pretends in some of those Seditious and Scandalous Pamphlets, *That he is authoriz'd so to do by one or both your Secretaries*

That the said Scandalous and Seditious Pamphlet, appears to countenance *Papery* in your *Protestant Government*, and the *Popish Party* have been much encourag'd by the same, to Revile and Threaten your Petitioner; he the said *L'Estrange* pretending that he had Authority for so doing.

That your Petitioner hath born the Scandalous Reflections and Aspersions, upon the account of his Discovery of the said Plot, from the said *L'Estrange* this four years with Patience; and had the Scandals only touch'd your Petitioner, I would not have complain'd to your Majesty and this Honourable Board; But since the said *L'Estrange* Scandalously vilifies the said Discovery, and calls in question the Justice of your Government, your Petitioner therefore thought it fit to apply himself to your Majesty and this Board for Redress.

The Premises consider'd, your Petitioner humbly prays your Majesty, and this Right Honourable Board, to Relieve your Petitioner, and his Evidence from the Seditious Calumnies of the said *Roger L'Estrange*, and not suffer your Petitioner to be left, to be daily oppressed and destroy'd for those Services, which your Majesty, and Council, and Parliament, and Courts of Justice have own'd: And your Petitioner shall (as in duty bound) pray for your Majesties Health, and long Life, and happy Reign, &c.

Titus Otes.